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HISTORICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

CHURCH BUILDINGS IN COLONIAL VIRGINIA.

(Contributed by Edward W. James.)

“Articles of Agreement made, Concluded and fully Agreed upon this first Day of Aprill, 1691, By and between Capt. William Robinson and Malachy Thruston, two Vestrymen of the parrish of Linhaven, By Ver-tue of an Order & request of a Vestry held at the said Parrish Church the 28th Day of March now last past for & in behalfe of the whole Parrish on the One parte, and Mr. Jacob Johnson of the parrish afores’d of the other parte Witnesseth—That the said Mr. Jacob Johnson doth hereby Covenant, promise & Agree to & with the s’d Capt. William Robinson and Malachy Thruston in quality or behalfe afore s’d to Erect, build & finish a good & Substantiall Brick Church for & in the parrish afore s’d on the Western Shore of Linhaven upon the plantacon Appertaining to Mr. Ebenezer Taylor neare the road towards the ferry in Such Convenient place as the s’d Mr. Jacob Johnson shall be appointed by the p’sons above s’d, the said Church to be fourty five foot in length and twenty two foot in breadth Cleare within the walls, and the walls to be thirteen foott in heighth from the ground to the plates, & brick gable Ends to the Ridge of the roofe & a brick porch ten foott Square proportionable. The Roofe of the Church to be Substantiall good framed worke with good princepull rafters and framed, Pur lines and good beams Suffaient to the same and to be tighte & Sufficently covered with good Oaken boards, the Inside of the Roofe from the wind^o beams to the plates well Sealed with good Sealing Oake boards Arch wise and whited with good white lime, and to have good & Suffaient lights of brick and to well glase them with good glass on each Side of the said Church and at the East End a good large window fitt & proportionable for Such a Church, And to find all things necessary & Expedient to the full finishing & Compleating of the said Church both In Side and Out side. The body of the said Church from the Doore at the west End to the Chancell to be well fitted with a Row of Pews on Each Side thirty foot, the other fifteen for a wainscott pew on Each Side and the rest for the Chancell with Benches necessary, and the Church to be well plaistered & whited within and a good Pulpitt on the north Side.

“The Said Mr. Johnson to have all things as he shall find Sound and good & Convenient to be made use of in the old Church to help furnish & finish the Church above mentioned. And the said Mr. Jacob Johnson is forthwith as soon as in reason & Conveniency he can to begin the

said Worke and the Same fully to finish, Compleate & End at or before the last day of March now next Ensuing which will be in the yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred ninety and two, 1692; or within three months after at farthest. ffor & in Consideration whereof the said Mr. Johnson is to be paid at the finishing thereof the Just full & Compleate Sum and quantity of good tobacco & Caske as hath or shall appeare to have been leavyed for and Expended upon the first building and Continuall repairing the Old Church now Standing from its first beginning to this Day, And the Same to be leavyed upon the whole parish and paid to the said Mr. Jacob Johnson proportionable in Each pr'cincts of the said parrish according to their number of tithables convenient to the River in each pr'cinct. And for the true p'formance of all & Singular the pr'mises and Articles, all the said p'sons in both parts as qualified afores'd Doe oblige themselves Each to other in the forfeiture and penalty of One hundred thousand pounds of tobacco and Caske to be paid by the Delinquent to the party grieved.

"In Wittness whereof We have hereunto Interchangeably Sett our hands & Seales the Day and yeare first above written.

"Before the Ensealing & Delivery hereof It is Concluded & agreed that there shall be twenty & five thousand pounds of the tobacco and Caske this next winter leavyed and paid the s'd Mr. Johnson or Ord'r in p'ts of the above worke.

JACOB JOHNSON,
WM. ROBINSON,
MALA THRUSTON.

"Sealed & Delivered in presence of

BENO. BURROUGH,
NICHOLAS HUGGINS,
HENRY H. WALSTONE.

"Mr. Jacob Johnson in Open Court Owneth this to be the Agreement between him and Capt. Wm. Robinson & Mr. Malachy Thruston in behalfe of the Vestry about his building the Church, And It is Ordered to be Recorded this 9th Sep'r, 1698."

WILL OF AN ANCESTOR OF WASHINGTON.

(Contributed by A. C. Quisenberry.)

In the name of God, Amen! The third day of September Anno Dom., 1684, and the six and thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign son, Charles the Second, King of England, &c., I, Thomas Pope, of the parish of Philip and Jacob, in Bristol, merchant, being now bound on a voyage to sea, considering with myself the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and more especially the casualties and Dan-

gers at sea and being Desirous to settle my Estate which Almighty God hath lent me, in this life Whilst I am in perfect mind and memory, and before my Departure, that the same may be enjoyed after my Death in peace and Quietness according to my true intent and meaning, do therefore make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, That is to say,

Imprimis. I give, devise and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Joanna for and during the Term of her natural life my Message and Tenement called Noble's Corner, and all the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, situate in Barton Begs, in the county of Glost.

Item. the Reversion and Inheretance of the same Message and Tenement Lands and premisses Immediately from and after the Decease of my said wife I give and Devise to my two sons Charles Pope and Nathaniel Pope and their heirs and assigns forever Equally between them as tenentes in Common.

Item. I give and Devise to my son Thomas Pope and the Heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten all that my plantation with the land, servants, cattle, stock, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being at or near Pope's Creek in Westmoreland in Virginia, and for want of such issue I give and Devise all the same plantation and premisses last mentioned to my two sons Charles and Nathaniel and their Heirs and assigns forever Equally between them as tenentes in Common thereof.

Item. I give and devise all that my other Plantations Commonly called the Clifts Plantation* situate and being in the county of Westmoreland in the Pertomac River in Virginia aforesaid, and all the lands, servants, cattle, stock and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my two sons Richard Pope and John Pope, their Heirs and assigns forever, but my will and meaning is that my said wife Joanna shall hold and be Endowed of one third part of both my Plantations and of all the lands, stock, cattle and servants to them and either of them belonging for the term of her natural life.

Item. I make my loving kinsman Mr. William Hardridge, Mr. Laurence Washington and Mr. John Washington, all of Virginia aforesaid, and the survivor and survivors of them, guardians and guardian of said sons Thomas, Richard, John, Charles and Nathaniel for the management of my Plantations and premisses in Virginia, to them Respectfully given and Devised, until each and every of said sons respectively shall attain to the age of 21 years, & my will is that the said William Hardridge, Laurence Washington and John Washington and the survivor and survivors of them shall from time to time receive, perceive and tale rents issues and profits thereof until my said sons respectively shall

* Afterwards bought by Thomas Lee, who built upon it "Stratford" manor.—A. C. Q.

attain their respective ages of 21 years, and that they and the survivors and survivor of them shall from time to time ship and consign the receipts thereof to my said wife in England during her life, and in case of her decease to such other person or persons as shall be guardian or guardians of all or any of my children, sons or daughters, to be by her or them from time to time disposed of and laid out in and toward the better maintenance and education of all and every of my said children respectively until they shall respectively attain the age of 21 years, but still my will and meaning is that my said wife and her Heirs and assigns during her life shall hold and enjoy the said one-third part of my plantation lands and premisses, as above mentioned and perceive and receive and take the rents, issues and profits thereof to and for her and their own use and benefit. And I make ordain and appoint Richard Gotley and Charles Jones the younger, merchant, both of the city aforesaid, executors in trust of this my last Will and Testament, and to each of my aforesaid Executors and to each of my above named friends and trustees in Virginia I give twenty shillings a piece in token of my love, and I will that all my said executors shall with all convenient speed sell and dispose of all my goods, chattells, household stuffs, wares, merchandise and other personal estate or so much thereof as they and my said wife shall think fit and convenient, and to convert the same into ready money and therewith and with my ready money and debts and improvements and proceeds of what they shall not sell or convert, as aforesaid, in the first place to pay, saterfie and discharge my debts, funeral expenses and charges of probate of this my last Will and Testament, and all the rest and residue thereof I wholly give and bequeath to my said wife, and to my three daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Margaret, Equally to be divided between them, part and share alike, and my said wife her part and share thereof I will shall be presently paid unto her for her own use, and the part and shares in money of my said three daughters I will shall be from time to time put forth and continued at interest by the approbation and good liking of my said wife in the name of my said executors, to and for the use, benefit and behoof of my said three daughters and the survivors and survivor of them upon such good securities as can be gotten for the same whereon the said uses shall be mentioned and ye interest thereof shall be applied for and toward the maintenance and education of my said daughters until they shall respectively attain to their respective age of 21 years of age if occation shall require, otherwise to be put in the general stock for the increase thereof. And when and as soon as each of my said daughters shall attain her age of 21 years her part and share of money and of goods and chattells converted into money shall be paid and transferred to her for her own use and benefit. And if any one or two of my daughters shall die before the others shall attain to the age of 21 years, I will that the whole shall go and be transferred to the survivor of them wholly, and to the survivors equally between them.

And lastly I revoke and make void all other wills and Testaments by me formerly made, and declare these presents contained in seven sheets of paper written on one side only to be my only last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have to each of said sheets sett my hand and seal. Dated the day of the year first above written.

THOMAS POPE. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed and published by the abovenamed Thomas Pope to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us whose names at his request are subscribed.

JOHN CHURCHMAN,
WM. MIRDETH,
JOHN SELWOOD,
WILLIAM BRYAN.

This 26th day of January 168⁸ this will of Thomas Pope was presented in a Court held for Westmoreland Co., Va., and accepted by the Court as the last will and testament of said Pope, and ordered to be recorded.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 1696.

RICHMOND, *Jan. 31st, 1896.*

Editor of Virginia Magazine of History, &c.:

SIR,—Please accept for your Magazine the following paper, which has been in my possession for some years, but packed up and overlooked until recently. It is probable that I obtained it from Mr. Richard Randolph, of Williamsburg. I made his acquaintance when I was a student there, and enjoyed his friendship the rest of his life. He was much addicted to our colonial history, and once lent me his historical scrap-book, in which he had collected a number of interesting things. The paper here presented purports to have come from the State Council Chamber.

BEN. BLAKE MINOR.

"A Roll of the Burgesses at an Assembly beginning the 24th day of September, 1696:"

Henrico—Wm. Byrd,* Wm. Randolph, James Cocke.
New Kent—Wm. Bassett, Gideon Macon.
Princess Anne—Benjamin Borough, John Thorowgood.
King and Queen—Wm. Leigh, Joshua Story, sheriff.
Isle of Wrght—James Benn, dead, John Giles.

* Out of the country.

Gloucester—James Ransone, Mordecai Cooke.
 Northumberland—Richard Haynes, Rodham Kenner.
 Surry—Benjamin Harrison, John Thompson.
 Westmoreland—Alexander Speare, Isaac Allerton.
 James City County—Henry Duke, Miles Sherman.
 James City—Philip Ludwell, Wm. Sherwood, dead.
 Lancaster—Robert Carter, George Heale.
 Nansemond—John Brassieux, Thomas Jordon, sheriff.
 Norfolk—Thomas Hodges, Thomas Mason.
 Elizabeth City County—Anthony Armistead, Willis Wilson.
 Warwick—Dudley Digges, Robt. Hubbard, Rich'd Whitaker, sher'f.
 Accomack—John Washburn, Rich'd Bayley.
 Richmond—Alex'r Newman.
 Charles City—Chas. Goodrich, John Taylor.
 Middlesex—Matthew Kemp, Robert Dudley.
 Stafford—George Mason, John Withers.
 Essex—John Battaile, Thos. Edmundson.
 York—Henry Jenkins, Thomas Ballard.
 Northampton—John Custis, Wm. Waters, sheriff.

MEMBERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA FOR 1768.

(Contributed by R. S. Thomas, Esq.)

The Honourable

John Blair, President,	William Byrd,
William Nelson,	Philip Ludwell Lee,
Thomas Nelson,	John Tayloe,
Peter Randolph,	Robert Carter,
Richard Corbin,	Presley Thornton,
Philip Ludwell,	Robert Burwell,

And a List of the Representatives of the Assembly for 1768.

Accomack—Thomas Parramore, Thomas Simpson.
 Albemarle—Thomas Walker, John Fry.
 Amelia—David Greenhill, Thomas Tabb.
 Augusta—Israel Christian, John Wilson.
 Amherst—William Cabell, Cornelius Thomas.
 Brunswick—Isaac Rowe Walton, William Thornton.
 Bedford—William Callaway, John Talbot.
 Buckingham—Robert Bolling, Joseph Cabell.
 Caroline—John Baylor, Edmund Pendleton.
 Charles City—William Kennon, Benjamin Harrison.
 Chesterfield—Archibald Cary, Richard Eppes.
 Culpeper—James Barber, John Field.

Cumberland—John Fleming, George Carrington.
Dinwiddie—Robert Bolling, Leonard Claiborne, Jr.
Elizabeth City—George Wythe, William Wager.
Essex—John Upshaw, John Lee.
Fairfax—George Johnson, John West.
Fauquier—Thomas Marshall, Thomas Harrison.
Frederick—George Washington, George Mercer.
Gloucester—Thomas Whiting, John Page.
Goochland—John Payne, Josias Payne.
Halifax—Nathaniel Terry, Robert Wade.
Hampshire—Thomas Rutherford, James Mercer.
Hanover—John Syme, James Littlepage.
Henrico—Bowler Cocke, Jun., Philip Mayo.
James City—Lewis Burwell, Philip Johnson.
Isle of Wight—James Bridger, Dolphin Drew.
King George—Charles Carter, ———.
King and Queen—John Robinson, Sp., John Pendleton.
King William—Bernard Moore, Carter Braxton.
Lancaster—Charles Carter and Richard Mitchell.
Loudoun—Francis Lightfoot Lee, James Hamilton.
Louisa—Thomas Johnson, William Johnson.
Lunenburg—Clement Read, Henry Balgrave.
Middlesex—John Smith, Ralph Wormley.
Nansemond—Lemuel Reddick, Willis Reddick.
New Kent—Richard Adams, Burrell Bassett.
Norfolk—William Bradley, Thomas Veal.
Northumberland—Spencer Ball, Richard Hull.
Northampton—John Harmanson, Thomas Dalby.
Orange—James Walker, James Taylor.
Prince Edward—Abner Nash, Peter Legrand.
Prince George—Richard Bland, Richard Bland, Jr.
Princess Anne—Anthony Walke, Edward Hack Moseley.
Prince William—John Baylis, Henry Lee.
Richmond—John Woodbridge, Landon Carter.
Southampton—Joseph Gray, Benjamin Symmons.
Spotsylvania—Fielding Lewis, Benjamin Grymes.
Stafford—William Fitzhugh, Thomas Ludwell Lee.
Surry—Hartwell Cocke, Thomas Bailey.
Sussex—David Mason, John Edmunds.
Warwick—William Digge, William Harwood.
Westmoreland—Richard Lee, Richard Henry Lee.
York—Thomas Nelson, Jr., Dudley Digges.
College of William and Mary—Mann Page.
James-Town—Edward Champion Travis.

Norfolk Borough—Joseph Hutchings.

Williamsburg—Mr. Attorney.

During the Presidency of John Blair, and whilst William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Peter Randolph, Richard Corbin, Philip Ludwell, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell, Sen., John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, and Robert Burwell, Esquires, were of the Council, there is a still further list of the representatives of the Assembly for several counties in Virginia, showing that there were two sessions of that Assembly whilst John Blair was President and acting Governor, as follows, viz:

Accomack—Thomas Parramore, Southey Simpson.

Albemarle—Thomas Walker, Edward Carter.

Amelia—Thomas Tabb, Robert Munford.

Augusta—John Wilson, William Preston.

Amherst—William Cabell, Jr., Cornelius Thomas.

Brunswick—William Thornton, Frederick Maclin.

Caroline—Edmund Pendleton, Walker Taliaferro.

Charles City—Benjamin Harrison, William Acrill.

Chesterfield—Archibald Cary, Seth Ward.

Culpeper—John Field, Thomas Slaughter.

Cumberland—John Fleming, Alexander Trent.

Charlotte—Clement Read, Paul Carrington.

Dinwiddie—Robert Bolling, John Bannister.

Elizabeth City—George Wythe, Wilson Miles Cary.

Essex—John Lee, Francis Waring.

Fairfax—George Washington, John West.

Fauquier—Thomas Harrison, Thomas Marshall.

Frederick— ———, ———.

Gloucester—John Page, Thomas Whiting.

Goochland—John Payne, John Bolling.

Halifax—Walter Coles, Edward Booker.

Hampshire— ———, ———.

Hanover—John Syme, James Littlepage.

Henrico—Richard Randolph, Bowler Cocke, Jur.

James City—Lewis Burwell, Robert C. Nicholas.

Isle of Wight—Dolphin Drew, James Bridger.

King George—Charles Carter, William Robinson.

King & Queen— ———, George Brooke.

King William—Carter Braxton, Harry Gaines.

Lancaster—Richard Mitchell, Charles Carter.

Loudon—Francis Lightfoot Lee, James Hamilton.

Louisa—Patrick Henry, Jr., Richard Anderson.

Lunenburg—William Taylor, Henry Balgrave.

Middlesex—John Smith, Gawin Corbin.
 Mecklenburg—Henry Delony, Robert Munford.
 Nansemond—Lemuel Riddick, Willis Riddick.
 New Kent—Burwell Bassett, William Clayton.
 Norfolk—Thomas Newton, Jr., Robert Tucker, Jr.
 Northumberland—Spencer Ball, Thomas Gaskins.
 Northampton—John Harmanson, Severn Eyre.
 Orange—James Walker, Zachariah Bernley.,
 Prince Edward—Peter Legrand, Nathaniel Venable.
 Prince George—Richard Bland, Alexander Bolling.
 Princess Anne—Edw. Hack Moseley, Robert Ballard.
 Prince William—Henry Lee, Foushee Tebbs.
 Richmond—John Woodbridge, Landon Carter.
 Southampton—Joseph Gray, Benjamin Symmons.
 Spottsylvania—Benjamin Grymes, Fielding Lewis.
 Stafford—John Alexander, Thompson Mason.
 Surry—Hartwell Cocke, Thomas Bailey.
 Sussex—David Mason, John Edmunds.
 Warwick—William Harwood, William Digges.
 Westmoreland—Richard Henry Lee, Richard Lee.
 York—Dudley Digges, Thomas Nelson, Jr.
 College of William & Mary—John Blair.
 James-Town— ————
 Norfolk Borough—Joseph Hutchings.
 Williamsburg—Mr. Attorney General.

THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF SETTLEMENT OF JAMESTOWN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 6, 1896.*

Editor of the Virginia Magazine of History, &c.:

SIR,—It is rather early, perhaps, to begin to think of a celebration at Jamestown in 1907, in honor of the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent English settlement on the continent, but I think such a celebration should be had. The Virginia Historical Society is undoubtedly the body to agitate for it. It is still eleven years until 1907, but perhaps it is not too early to begin preliminary work and get the ground cleared for the event. I am satisfied that Congress would readily make a liberal appropriation for such a celebration. Virginians should look to their laurels, for already the New Englanders have almost persuaded the world that Plymouth was the cradle of the republic. I submit these suggestions for your consideration and the consideration of the Virginia Historical Society.

Yours very respectfully,

A. C. QUISENBERRY.

BURNING OF EVE.

It was intended to append to the article in the January number on the burning of "Eve," the following note:

In New York City there was an insurrection in or about 1742-50, and several houses were set on fire. It does not appear that any murders were committed, but nine or ten negroes were arrested, convicted, and burnt alive. The chief conspirator, Hewson, a white man, was hung with his wife and her maid-servant, alledged to be privy to the conspiracy. See *Smollet's History of England*, page 258.

A. G. GRINNAN.

NORDEN'S OATH.

(Contributed by Colonel F. P. Leavenworth.)

The following is from *Prince George County Records*, Vol. I, page 58:

I, Robert Norden do sincerely promise and Solemnly Declare before God and the World that I will be true and faithful to his Majesty King George, and I do Solemnly promise and Declare, that I do from my heart abhor, detest and renounce as Impious and Hereticall that Damnable Doctrine and Position that Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the See of Rome may be Deposed or Murthered by their subjects or any other whatsoever, and I do Declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have any power, Jurisdiction Superiority, Preheminence or Authority, Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall within his Realm.

ROBERT NORDEN.

I Robert Norden Profess faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ his Eternal Sonn the true God and in the Holy Spiritt, one God Blessed for ever more, and I do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

ROBERT NORDEN.

Att a Court held for the County of Prince George on Tuesday the fourteenth of June Anno Dom. 1715—

Robert Norden an Annabaptist Preacher appeared in court and (pursuant to the Direction of an Act of Parliament made in the first year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, Entitled an act for Exempting their Majesty's Protestant Subjects Dissenting from the Church of England from the penaltys of certain laws) took and Subscribed the oath and Declaration above written which by order of the court are truly Recorded.

Test:

WM. HAMELIN, C. CUR.

A LETTER FROM PHILIP SLAUGHTER.

Mrs. General Roger A. Pryor sends us the following copy of an original letter from the author of "Bristol Parish," now in her possession, which is of interest as containing a number of corrections of important typographical errors in that work. The reference of Dr. Slaughter in the concluding paragraph but one is to certain genealogical investigations which Mrs. Pryor was at that time making for the benefit of her children:

CEDAR MOUNTAIN, CULPEPER COUNTY, VA.,
March 23, 1888.

DEAR MRS. PRYOR,—I am gratified by your kindly appreciation of Bristol Parish, and am pleased at its giving you any pleasure or information. It so happens that of all my many books this is the only one that was not revised and corrected by me. Being ill at the time of its passing through the press, I did not see the proofs, and hence, by fault of copist, printers, and proof-readers, divers transpositions and other errors crept into the genealogies. I will call your attention to such of them as I remember, and ask you to correct them in your copy upon my authority: Page 139, Sam'l Pleasants should be Anne P. Page 145, Moses B. should be Monro B. On page 173, Homer should be Horner. At the foot of page 217, R. K. Meade had no issue by Eliza. Randolph. Bishop Meade was by second wife Mrs. Randolph *nee* Grymes; hence, page 222, B. Meade's name should be erased and that of Chief-Justice Marshall inserted. On page 221, I think the names of R. H., F. L., and Arthur Lee should be erased, but I have not time now to decide positively. On page 225, Wyndham Robertson has been transferred by the printers from page 223, where it should follow Jane Gay. On page 228 the printer has transposed the dates of Bishop Wilmer's birth and death to Leila Lee, who is living, and also the name Sarah (who married Casswell), from her place next to Helen, who married Bishop Wilmer.

These are some of the vexatious errors which were thrust in by others and which I have not publicly corrected, out of delicacy to those who befriended me. Rather than mortify them, I have let the responsibility rest on myself. Some of the genealogies were furnished by others, as that of the Claibornes, which has most errors.

I am glad to see that your "old Virginianism" has not been swallowed by the N. Y. social whirlpool, and that you have the taste and leisure to gather up the fragments that remain. Your letter has the true old Virginia flavor. If you can pass your family through that most perilous engine, the press, without suffering such dissolutions that a mother cannot recognize her own child, you will be fortunate.

I once thought our litany perfect, but since I have had the rashness to perpetrate genealogies, I am of opinion that it would be improved by

the addition of one more petition: From writing genealogies ——— deliver me. With respectful salutations for General Pryor, and with best wishes for you all,

Faithfully yours,

P. SLAUGHTER.

QUERIES.

FONTAINE—ARMISTEAD.

For the lineage of William Bowles Armistead, of Loudoun county, see *The Armistead Family, Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison*, by Charles P. Keith. The marriages of the two daughters of W. B. Armistead are given in Lee's *Lee of Virginia*, page 326, and Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*, page 180. Will not your correspondent give us the second marriage of Mrs. Mary Bowles (Armistead) Alexander to a Selden? What was his name? Was he Wilson Cary Selden, guardian of the Alexander children (*Hayden*, 180), and the son of Joseph Selden and Mary Cary (*Hayden*, 63)? William Bowles Armistead had two sons, William Bowles, Jr., who died unmarried, and Peter Fontaine Armistead. The latter married Martha Henry Winston. Of the twelve children of this marriage two are now living, Peter Fontaine and George Washington Armistead, who received this name because he was born on the 22d of February. Mr. Peter Fontaine Armistead is a resident of Tusculum, Alabama, and has reached the advanced age of eighty-five. His son, Fontaine Armistead, not now living, married a daughter of a distant relative, George Graham Armistead, whose first wife was Alice Virginia Fontaine, of Loudoun county, Virginia. They, George G. Armistead and Alice V. Fontaine, were married November 7, 1831, and moved later to Alabama. She was the daughter of Alice Berkeley and ——— Fontaine, and granddaughter of Colonel Edmund Berkeley, of "Barn Elms," and Mary Burwell. What was the Christian name of Alice Berkeley's husband, and how was he related to Mary Ann Fontaine, Mrs. William Bowles Armistead (who married, secondly, John Lewis)?

K. M. R.

GARLAND.

Information is desired concerning all persons of the name of Garland who have lived, or who are now living, in this country.

I am endeavoring to establish a clear and connected history of the family above named from the time of the immigration of Hugh and Jo Garland into this country from England, in 1634 and 1635 respectively, to the present day.

Although there are manuscripts, parish registers, &c., to substantiate many of the early annals of the family, yet a large part of the present history is based on tradition or conjecture. My aim will be to substitute in place of this hypothetical data definite facts verified by church, town, and army records, and to embody these in a book of thorough and trustworthy biographical and genealogical record, relating to the Garlands of the New England, Middle, Southern, and Western States and all allied families.

In view of the magnitude of the undertaking, every person able and willing to furnish me with lineages suitable for this work is urgently requested to fill out blanks, which may be obtained on application (one blank is devoted to each person).

JAMES A. GARLAND, JR.,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

THE TERM, STATE HOUSE.

Mr. Albert Matthews, of 145 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, is making a special investigation into the history of the term "State House," said by some to be derived from the Dutch, by others from the German, and by still others to be an invention of our own. All information given him as to the use of the word in documents relating to the early history of Virginia as a colony will be gratefully received. Mr. Matthews proposes to publish the results of his inquiry, which will be of interest to scholars.